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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 598

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ETRD, AS
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF DEPUTY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE WOLFF

1. PARAS 1, 2, 6 AND 9 OF STATE 018361 ARE REPEATED TO YOU FOR ACTION REQUESTED PARA 6.

2. OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING AMBASSADOR WOLFF ARE:
JAMES H. STARKEY, ASSISTANT SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (AGRICULTURAL POLICY);
STEPHEN L. LANDE, ASSISTANT SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (BILATERAL AFFAIRS);
DOUGLAS W.MCMINN, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO AMBASSADOR WOLFF.

3. AMBASSADOR WOLFF SCHEDULE FOR SYDNEY IS:
ARRIVE SYDNEY 0730 FRIDAY, FEB 3 VIA QANTAS 2 FROM SINGAPORE;
DEPART SYDNEY BY CAR 1000 FEB 5;
ARRIVE SYDNEY FROM CANBERRA TUES., FEB 7 AT 1440 VIA TAA 432; AND
DEPART SYDNEY WED FEB 8 AT 1250 VIA AIR NEW ZEALAND 806.
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUTO TRIP TO CANBERRA ARE BEING MADE BY GOA, BUT OTHER SYDNEY ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING LEFT TO CONSULATE.
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4. PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS OF STATE 018361 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"AMBASSADOR ALAN WOLFF, DEPTY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE AND THREE OTHER STR OFFICIALS WILL TRAVEL TO ADDRESSEE POSTS JANUARY 27-FEBRUARY 11, 1978 TO CONSULT WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. DELEGATION'S ITINERARY IS COVERED BY A NUMBER OF

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SEPTELS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS CABLE IS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO POSTS ON THE RANGE OF ISSUES AMBASSADOR WOLFF PLANS TO DISCUSS. STATE AND STR HAVE COLLABORATED ON THE COMPLIATION OF BRIEFING BOOKS AND ON THIS CABLE.

"THE FOCUS OF THIS TRIP WILL BE ON MTN ISSUES. THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE OUTLOOK AND TIMETABLE FOR THE MTN NEGOTIATIONS, NTM ISSUES (I.E. STANDARDS, SAFEGUARDS, SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAIL) AND REQUESTS AND OFFERS PROCEDURES. IN ADDITION, WOLFF WILL BE PREPARED TO BRIEF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EMBASSY OFFICERS ON THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED U.S.-JAPAN ECONOMIC TALKS AS WELL AS OTHER TRADE MATTERS. UNLESS NOTED BELOW, DELEGATION IS NOT SEEKING SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS ON BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES ALTHOUGH DELEGATION IS BRIEFED TO RESPOND TO SOME IF THEY ARE RAISED.

"FOR CANBERRA: DEL APPRECIATES HOTEL RESERVATIONS MADE AT LAKESIDE HOTEL FOR NIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 5 AND 6. PARTY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SIMILAR RESERVATIONS FOR SYDNEY FOR FEBRUARY 4 AND 7... IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE, PARTY WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND PERFORMANCE AT THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE ON FEBRUARY 4. ALSO, IF POSSIBLE, DEL WOULD LIKE FUNCTION ARRANGED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN/AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR CIMILAR ORGANIZATION IN SYDNEY FOR EVENING OF THE 7TH. WOLFF IS PREPARED TO SPEAK INFORMALLY WITH GROUP.
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SUBSTANTIVE GUIDANCE FOR CANBERRA CONTAINED IN STATE 9482 (NOTAL).

"POSTS COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON ABOVE ARE NEEDED ASAP SINCE PARTY DEPARTS WASHINGTON 27 JANUARY."
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